

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**SC 210218**

**SUPREME COURT**

**IN RE: HONORABLE ALICE A. BRUNO**

**APRIL 4, 2022**

**MOTION TO EXCUSE PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

**Brief History of the Case**

1. The Honorable Alice A. Bruno (hereinafter Judge Bruno), was served with an Order to Show Cause ("the Order") dated February 10, 2022. The order requests information regarding Judge Bruno's alleged failure to perform judicial functions for "at least the last two years."
2. The Order states Judge Bruno is directed to "show cause why this Court should not commence proceedings to either suspend or remove Judge Bruno from her judicial office for potential violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct."
3. Judge Bruno has been ordered appear in person to respond to questions.
4. The Show Cause hearing is scheduled for April 5, 2022.

**Specific Facts Relied Upon**

5. Counsel has entered an appearance on behalf of Judge Bruno and has filed a Statement in Response to Order to Show Cause ("the Statement") on March 22, 2022. Counsel will also attend the hearing to respond on behalf of Judge Bruno.
6. Judge Bruno has supported the Statement with a publicly filed Affidavit.

7. In the intervening time since the filing of the Statement, Judge Bruno once again required emergency medical treatment arising from the circumstances surrounding her request for accommodation that has been ongoing for nearly two years, from the referral of her case to the Judicial Review Council in late December 2021, from extensive negative publicity that commenced in November of 2021, and from this Order to Show Cause hearing.
8. As a consequence of the circumstances described above, on April 1, 2022, Judge Bruno filed a disability retirement application with the Judicial Review Council because it appears there is no longer any accommodation that can be provided that would allow her to perform the essential functions of her position as a judge.
9. The filing of the disability retirement application on April 1, 2022 was necessitated by the deterioration of her health condition over the course of the last five months as explained by those who have been treating her health condition.
10. Because of the harm Judge Bruno has suffered and continues to suffer, Judge Bruno's treating medical providers have submitted a report describing Judge Bruno's present condition and seeking to have her excused from a public hearing.
11. Justice Bruno's counsel is prepared to respond to questions related to the subject matter of the Order to Show Cause hearing.

**Legal Grounds Upon Which the Moving Party Relies**

12. Connecticut General Statutes § 51-51j provides that in any proceeding brought pursuant to this statutory section, "the Supreme Court shall make an investigation of the conduct complained of and hold a hearing thereon ..." Although there are no specific rules in the Connecticut Practice Book that apply to an order to show cause hearing in the Supreme

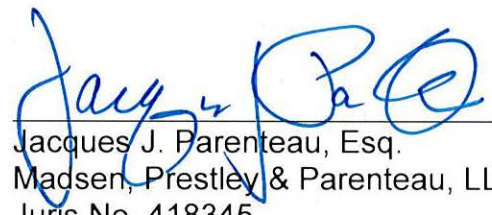
Court, the Court has general supervisory powers to control appellate proceedings pursuant to Practice Book § 60-2, and inherent supervisory authority over the administration of justice. *State v. Ubaldi*, 190 Conn. 559, 570 (1983).

Wherefore, for all the foregoing reasons, the Honorable Alice A. Bruno respectfully requests that the Court excuse her from personally attending the Order to Show Cause hearing, or in the alternative, schedule the hearing when Judge Bruno is capable of attending.

Dated at New London, Connecticut this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

Respectfully submitted  
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